Concord Affordable Housing Finding Committee

Meeting Minutes April 9, 2019

Committee members present: Todd Benjamin (chair), Holly Darzen (clerk), Ray Andrews, Sue Myers, Vince Carlson

Others present: Christian Krueger, Lois Suarez

1. The meeting took place at CCHS prior to and in preparation for Town Meeting.

- 2. Various anticipated questions were discussed. With regard to why we did not propose an increase to the CPA allocation to affordable housing, the response would be that not enough revenue would be generated. Also, the CPC did not favor doing this.
- 3. Regarding how many affordable units are needed annually, Marcia Rasmussen is still saying it is 9-10.
- 4. It should be emphasized and summarized that Article 23 is temporary in nature, and only applies to this year's budget; Article 24 would allow a body with transparency and accountability to the town to hold and distribute the revenue raised, regarding Article 25 several (17) communities use or are applying to use a transfer tax increase for town priorities, which affordable housing is, per the long range plan; and regarding article 26, we need an additional revenue source to even approach enough revenue to meet the need mentioned above for affordable housing.

Respectfully submitted Holly Darzen